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SUBJECT: USDA'S JUNE 2003 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND  
EXPOSITION ON AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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1. Embassy Kuwait recommends sending the following GOK official to the June 2003 International Conference and Exposition on Agricultural Science and Technology: Sheikh Fahad Salim Al-Ali Al-Sabah, Chairman and Director General of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR). The Government of Kuwait does not have a Ministry of Agriculture, but PAAAFR is considered the sole official entity in Kuwait responsible for the country's agricultural development. Sheikh Sabah carries the title of Minister, as decreed by the GOK in June 2001, and reports directly to the State Minister for Cabinet Affairs.

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